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REPI to Bring 27 Jobs to Gaston County
State Grant Helps Company Locate in Gastonia

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that REPI, a producer of liquid colors and additives, will locate a new office, lab and production facility in Gaston County. The company plans to create 27 jobs and invest \$5.8 million during the next three years in Gastonia. The project was made possible in part by a \$75,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

“North Carolina is attracting an increasing number of companies, not just from other states, but from around the world,” Gov. Perdue said. “They know this is a terrific place to do business, where our investments in education have built a highly skilled workforce, perfectly suited for the sort of R&D and production work that REPI performs, and a business climate that fuels success.”

REPI develops and produces high performance liquid colors, additives and dosing systems for applications in the polyurethane (automotive, footwear, furniture) and thermoplastic sectors (soft drink bottles, cosmetics). Based in Italy, REPI has been present in the U.S. for 20 years, covering the polyurethane market through a distributor based in Maine, and active in five Northeastern States.

REPI LLC, a fully owned subsidiary of REPI, was established in Charlotte in 2003 with commercial offices, labs and warehouses and now needs to start production on site as a global company selling worldwide. REPI will establish a new Western Hemisphere Headquarters in Gastonia, conducting research and development, production and administrative services to serve their expanding markets. The new facility will also accommodate future expansion.

Salaries will vary by job function, but the average annual wage for the new jobs will be \$41,586 plus benefits. The Gaston County average annual wage is \$33,956.

“We are increasing our commitment to the North American market with the start-up of a state of the art manufacturing facility, and we are especially proud to make such a step during these difficult years for